IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:
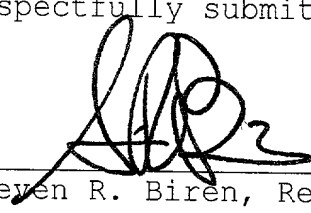
IN THE CLAIMS

8. (Amended) A communication system operating in accordance with the method claimed in claim 1, comprising means for associating with data prior to transmission a status indicator, means for transmitting the data and status indicator, means for receiving the data and status indicator, means for ascertaining a present status (as herein defined) of an application (as herein defined), and means for comparing the ascertained present status with the status indicator and enabling the application to read the data if the ascertained present status of the application is within the scope of the status defined by the status indicator and inhibiting the application from reading the data otherwise.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to reformat the claims to delete all multiple dependencies prior to calculation of the filing fee and place the instant application in standard U.S. format.

Entry of this amendment prior to calculating the filing fee is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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8. (Amended) A communication system operating in accordance with the method claimed in <u>claim 1</u> ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~, comprising means for associating with data prior to transmission a status indicator, means for transmitting the data and status indicator, means for receiving the data and status indicator, means for ascertaining a present status (as herein defined) of an application (as herein defined), and means for comparing the ascertained present status with the status indicator and enabling the application to read the data if the ascertained present status of the application is within the scope of the status defined by the status indicator and inhibiting the application from reading the data otherwise.